

REMARKS

Claims 18-34 are pending in the application. The status of the claims and issues related to the specification are identified below:

Claims / Section	35 U.S.C. Sec.	References / Notes
21-34 & 36-37	Allowed/allowable	
18 & 19	§103(a) Obviousness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hochstein (U.S. Patent No. 6,045,240); and• Roney et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,528,474).
20, 35	§103(a) Obviousness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hochstein (U.S. Patent No. 6,045,240);• Roney et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,528,474); and• Zouzoulas, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,059,778)

5 Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowablility for claims 21-34 and 36-37.

In numbered paragraph 6 on pp. 3-4 of the OA, the Examiner cited features that the prior art failed to teach. These features were originally an element of claim 21. In the present amendment, claim 21 has been cancelled
10 and the element containing the features that the prior art failed to teach have been added to claim 18.

Since all claims in the application depend from claim 18 that has been amended to include the features indicated by the examiner as not found in the prior art, Applicants believe that the 35 U.S.C. §103 rejection should be
15 withdrawn from the application and that all remaining claims should be allowed.


Applicants further request an initialed copy of the IDS PTO-1449 form filed on August 20, 2003. The PTO-1449 form has been attached as an Appendix to this response.

CONCLUSION

5 Inasmuch as each of the objections have been overcome by the amendments, and all of the Examiner's suggestions and requirements have been satisfied, it is respectfully requested that the present application be reconsidered, the rejections be withdrawn and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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AV	Abstract of Matthias Martin, Light Emitting Diodes, WELTLICHTSCHAU 4/99, p. 278-281
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